

COMMITTEE-AT-LARGE MINUTES: AUGUST 18, 2008

The Committee-at-Large meeting was held on August 18, 2008 in the Village Hall at 6:30 p.m. Those in attendance were President Hoerchler, Trustees Brandmeyer, Malina, Linthicum, Gloeckner, Fiedler, Village Clerk Crane, Village Administrator Nielsen, Jerry Green, Chief Building Inspector, Doug Gruenke, Village Attorney and Brian Buchheit of Henry, Meisenheimer, & Gende, Village Engineers. Trustee Swank was absent.

Plaque Presentation

President Hoerchler opened by meeting by presenting plaques to Officer Jeff Mavrogeorge and Paramedic Rick Nelan for their handling of an unsure situation on August 10, 2008. They stopped a vehicle that had been driving on only 3 wheels. EMT Rebecca Stull will also be receiving a plaque; she was unable to attend this meeting.

Joy Paeth: Area Agency on Aging

Joy Paeth of the Area Agency on Aging was in attendance to report on an assessment recently conducted by residents of New Baden regarding the Senior Citizens of New Baden. The basis of the assessment is to determine "how to make your community a better place to grow old." She discussed briefly several key items that are currently challenges in the Village. These include: access to services, land use, housing, transportation, rush hour traffic, public safety and emergency preparedness. The next step is for an Advisory Council to be formed. This Council would be able to report to the Village Board any concerns they might have.

WWTP Bid Letting

Brian Buchheit of HMG was in attendance to remind the Board that the Waste Water Treatment Plant bid letting will take place on August 29, 2008 at 2:00 p.m. at the Village Hall. He also stated that the Village's loan project will appear on the IEPA's FY2009 Intended Use Plan in the amount of \$3,330,109.00.

Water Line Extension: Richter School Road

Brian Buchheit presented a "Preliminary Opinion of Probable Cost for Richter School Road Water Main Extension." This extension would cross under Interstate 64, run along Richter School Road and would join again with Route 161, bypassing the interchanges. This cost is approximately \$192,365.00. It was stated that money was budgeted for this extension. Should the line be installed before future development is known? Or should the Village hope that installation of the line will bring future development? These were just some of the questions discussed. Buchheit will put some additional numbers together.

Civic Center Interior Wall Repair

Three bids were received regarding the repairs to the interior Civic Center wall (the outside portion of this wall was recently repaired); Norb Richter of Mascoutah, \$6552.00; Joseph Becker, Inc. of Breese, \$3,200.00; Precision Stained Glass & Tuckpointing, Inc. of Breese, \$5,865.00. Malina made the motion to accept the low bid from Joseph Becker for \$3,200.00; second by Brandmeyer; vote: Fiedler aye, Brandmeyer aye, Malina aye, Linthicum aye, Gloeckner aye; nay none, motion carried.

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Youth Tobacco Access Project

Officer Jeff Mavrogeorge opened by stating that he has written the grant for the last four years allowing the Police Dept. to receive the Tobacco Compliance Grant. These funds help to pay the volunteers that assist in going to local businesses that sell tobacco products. This is in an effort to crack down on tobacco products being sold to minors. He stated that the Police Dept. has been asked by the State's Tobacco Enforcement Program to take part in a pilot program due to its high compliance rate. The Village would be required to pass an ordinance that would prohibit minors from having possession of tobacco products. Currently the law only states that minors cannot purchase tobacco products. The ordinance would allow then for citations to be issued and for preventive measures to be taken (discussion with the minor or pamphlets explaining the dangers of smoking). Attorney Gruenke stated that the sample ordinance that was provided pertains to "home rule" municipalities. New Baden is a "non-home rule" municipality. Gruenke explained that a home rule municipality would be able to pass such an ordinance, but a non-home rule municipality cannot since it is something not currently enforced by the State. Gruenke will research to see if the Village could pass such an ordinance.

TIF Request: GMK Automotive

Gary Kinney, of GMK Automotive at 2 West Hanover Street, submitted a request for TIF Assistance for the replacement of the garage doors on his building. Three bids from the same company were included with his request. Discussion revolved around him recently receiving \$1000.00 for painting of his building. It was discussed if a limit should be set on the amount of times a business can request TIF assistance. It was agreed upon that assistance can only be asked for once in 6 years (the remainder of TIF). It will also be mandatory to submit at least three bids from different companies when asking for assistance. Attorney Gruenke will prepare a new ordinance for the changes made to the storefront improvement grant.

TIF Request: Comfort Corner

Brian Harpstrite of Comfort Corner at 1210 East Hanover Street submitted a request for TIF assistance for the remodel of the building. Based on the previous discussion, he will need to resubmit with three different bids.

Dumpsters

Trustee Malina stated that Administrator Nielsen had sent out letter to the various businesses regarding the dumpsters on their property. If any businesses had a concern, they were to attend tonight's meeting. No businesses were in attendance. Attorney Gruenke will incorporate the guidelines into an ordinance for the September meeting. Also discussed were limiting the number of clothing recycling bins in the Village to three. It was also mentioned that the Boy Scouts have placed a recycling can near the tennis courts and that they have not obtained permission from the Village for its placement.

Zoning Board Issues

Dave Griesbaum, Chairperson for the Zoning Board of Appeals, was in attendance to discuss some issues with the Board regarding the current zoning. One concern is the requests regarding changing commercial property to residential property, especially when part of the residence is already considered residential. For example, the last hearing the Zoning Board had discussed 202 East Hanover Street, Brent Rakers property. His request was denied by the Zoning Board due to the fact that the precedence has been set NOT to change zoning. It was also pointed out that there are 4 conditions must exist before a variance can be approved. Mr. Griesbaum also stated it would like to see a change regarding mobile homes. Currently, any SR-3 district allows for the placement of a mobile home. He would like to see only mobile homes in Heather Lynn Estates, the mobile home park. He said current mobile homes would be considered non-conforming and would be grandfathered in.

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Marketing Plan for
New Baden

Trustee Brandmeyer addressed the marketing plan for New Baden in response to the presentation by Andrea Nafziger, an independent marketing consultant, at the July 21, 2008 meeting. It was decided that she would be contacted for a proposal of what can be obtained for around \$20,000.00.

Library Lease

Trustee Fiedler stated he will be getting information from Al Kues, the spokesperson for the Library Board, regarding the lease. One suggestion was to sell the Library building to the Library Board. Currently there is no lease in place between the Village and the Library Board. The matter was tabled.

Park

Trustee Linthicum, chairman of the Recreation Committee, stated there are a few issues that need to be looked into at the park: recycle bin near the tennis courts did not ask for permission to be there; tennis court is only partially fixed; walking trail needs repairs; and lights are still on at the one restroom.

Executive Session

Gloeckner motioned to go into closed session to discuss the purchase of real property; seconded by Fiedler, all aye, nay none. Meeting recessed at 7:45 p.m.

Meeting reconvened at 8:08 p.m.

Plum Lane Drainage
Issue

Discussion centered on the drainage issues in the 200 block of Plum Lane. Brian Buchheit of HMG met with Lee Monical, one of the residents affected by this issue, Trustee Gloeckner and Administrator Nielsen to explain the results of their research. The Trustees agreed to have another engineering firm look at the issue and obtain their opinion of what can be done.

Third Street

Administrator Nielsen stated that there is a small section of ground that was not asphalted when Third Street was done. This is in front of the Post Office employee parking. He asked the Board permission to obtain bids to have this filled in at the lowest cost. The Board agreed for this to be done.

There being no other business to be discussed, Malina made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Linthicum. Meeting adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Teri L Crane
Village Clerk

Approved: September 8, 2008

Timothy J. Hoerchler
Village President